

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota is a national leader in pork production, ranking eleventh among states; and,

*Whereas*, Great strides have been made in the pork industry through innovative advancements in genetics, production, and management resulting in an economical and nutritious product for today's consumers; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota pork producers provide leadership to all those in agriculture as true stewards of the land, striving to preserve those resources they rely on for their livelihood; and,

*Whereas*, The South Dakota Pork Producers Council works diligently to support research advancing the quality of pork production and products, to educate the public on the benefits of the pork industry, and to promote pork products in all markets; and,

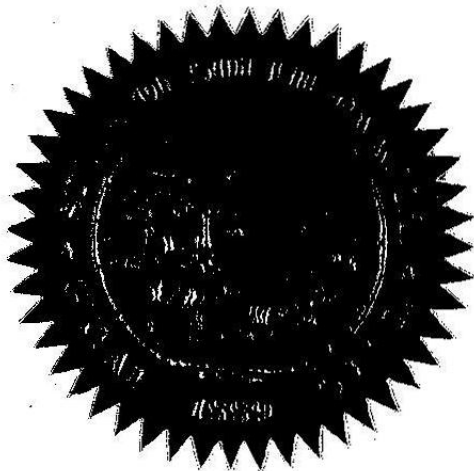
*Whereas*, October is the traditional month to recognize and honor the pork industry:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and encourage all citizens to join me in acknowledging the contributions of the pork industry to our great state and to include pork in their diet.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



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M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris Nelson", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State